DETACHMENT H

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE                    31 July 1970

H-50-2    This SOP supercedes H-50-2 dated 2 October 1968.

## PROGRAMMING FLYING TRAINING

1. PURPOSE:  To establish the desired minimum mission aircraft flying
training requirements per pilot and to outline the scheduling pro-
cedures for the attainment of these requirements.

2. SCOPE:  The provisions of this SOP are applicable to the programming
and scheduling of all mission aircraft flying activities of this unit.

3. RESPONSIBILITY:  The Director of Operations is responsible for adherence
to the provisions of this SOP.

4. PROCEDURES:

   a. Monthly programming will be based on the following desired criteria:

      (1) ████ Pilots: ████ Pilots will be scheduled for a minimum of ten
      hours per month (thirty hours per quarter) in order to remain in
      Operational Ready Pilot status.  One sortie per month will be a
      high level sortie of a minimum duration of 3+00.  The remainder
      of the time can be flown in any combination of high or low level
      sorties in order to complete at least ten hours per month (thirty
      hours per quarter).  Normally each pilot will fly a minimum of
      four sorties per month.

      (2) TDY ████ PILOTS  In order to remain in Operational Ready Pilot
      status, TDY pilots will be scheduled in the same manner as out-
      lined in Para a (1) above.

      (3) Qualified U-2 Pilots will be scheduled to complete seven (7)
      sorties per quarter and a total of at least twenty hours per
      quarter.

   b. Weekly Intent Schedule:  A formal weekly scheduling meeting will be
   held at 0800 hours each Friday in the D/O's Office.  Personnel in
   attendance will be D/O, ████, D/M, Avionics and Special Equip-
   ment.  Pilot and equipment flying requirements will dictate the type
   and number of sorties programmed for the following week.  When
   possible a four and half day flying schedule will be proposed (Mon-
   Fri noon) with Friday reserved for make-up due to weather or maint-
   enance cancellations.  Prior to publication of the weekly schedule
   the D/O will review the schedule with the Detachment Commander for
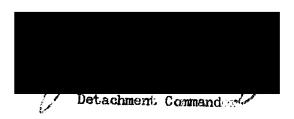   his approval.

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c. Daily Scheduling: A daily flying schedule will be published in accordance with the schedule format for the next days flying activity. The proposed schedule shall be coordinated with the ███ Detachment Commander or his representative and the Director of Materiel. The schedule will then be presented to the Detachment Commander for review prior to publication. This schedule will be based on the weekly intent, adjusted in accordance with aircraft and pilot availability, in order to meet the established commitment. The Director of Operations shall insure publication of the schedule within two (2) hours after completion of flying activity on the day preceding or by 1600 hours, whichever is earlier.

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d. Maintenance Sorties: The Director of Materiel will notify the Director of Operations of required maintenance sorties in sufficient time to insure inclusion on the Daily Flight Schedule.

e. Schedule Changes: The Director of Operations or his representative will make all schedule changes after coordination with the Detachment Commander. In the absence of the Detachment Commander coordination will be effected with the acting Manager.

Detachment Commander

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